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"The Great American Boycott"

Over the last several weeks, we have seen people in the streets waving Mexican flags and children leaving school in order to protest federal legislation designed to crack down on illegal immigration.

Leftist groups are now planning "The Great American Boycott 2006" where people are encouraged not to go to work or school in order to "educate people about the contributions of immigrants". However, what they really mean is that this is a boycott in support of amnesty for all illegal immigrants, provide drivers' licenses to them, and all of the benefits and services California taxpayers enjoy.

Naturally, I do not support this boycott, but what is even more outrageous is that the State Legislature is poised this week to endorse this boycott by passing Senate Concurrent Resolution 113 by Senator Gloria Romero (D-Los Angeles). The resolution is scheduled to be voted on this week by both the State Senate and State Assembly.

State Legislature Poised to Endorse Boycott

This resolution sends a horrible message to the children of our society. On the one hand, we try to tell our children to stay in school and abide by the laws of the land. Yet this resolution gives the **official endorsement of the government of the State of California** for a boycott that calls on immigrants not to go to work and children of immigrants not to go to school. This is a conflicting message to our own law-abiding citizens and children.

This is just another example of how out of touch this Legislature is with the average Californian. This resolution is simply outrageous and I will adamantly oppose any efforts to officially endorse a boycott that will hurt our economy and take children out of school.

Is this boycott really designed to "educate" people in California and the rest of the country? Or is it meant to be used as a cheap political tool to insult and disparage the thousands upon thousands of LEGAL immigrants who played by the rules, stood in line, and honored and obeyed the laws of this land?

The true intent of this resolution is to cloud the distinction between legal and illegal immigrants. Nobody denies immigrants contribute and have contributed significantly throughout our nation's

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history. This resolution, however, is disinformation at its finest. It lumps all immigrants together so those who support illegal activity can lay claim to the contributions of fine, upstanding, law-abiding immigrants.

Furthermore, the name "The Great American Boycott" is offensive. The government of the State of California should not be providing official sanction and endorsement for a boycott that is attempting to damage this country economically -- and potentially damage its very security. When will these leftist groups start loving and appreciating their country?

May Day

It is also interesting that these groups chose May 1st or May Day to hold the boycott. May Day has long been a focal point for demonstrations by various socialist, communist, Marxist and Leninists groups. In the 20th century, the holiday received the official endorsement of the Soviet Union. Celebrations in communist countries during the Cold War era often consisted of large military parades and shows of common people in support of their tyrannical governments.

According to the *International Workers of the World* Web site, the May Day "Great American Boycott" is to send the message that, "We will settle for nothing less than full amnesty and dignity for the millions of undocumented workers presently in the U.S."

According to the *Act Now to Stop War and End Racism* (ANSWER) Web site, another organization supporting the boycott, "No human being is illegal. Racism against immigrants emanates from the same forces behind the U.S. war to conquer and control the wealth of Iraq. Be a part of building the movement to stop the war and end colonial occupation in Iraq, Palestine, Afghanistan, Haiti, and everywhere. Join the struggle for social justice in our communities and all over the world."

Somehow, it seems appropriate that this boycott is being held on May Day.

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